May 2018 Newsletter

A Garden Of Friends Is Always In Bloom

Defiance County Master Gardeners

May Information

The Master Gardeners met on Tuesday April 17, 2018 at the extension office. 18 members were in attendance. Diane Clark called the meeting to order. The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. There were no changes or corrections so they were approved as presented.

Treasurer’s Report: Gwen Anderson reported that the banking situation was resolved. She wrote a check to Jamie Walters for the Bee sign that we previously approved.

Communications: None

Committee Reports

Defiance: There are many events coming up. Diane Clark passed out several sign-up sheets for the following:

- Wednesday, May 9, 3pm Diane Clark digging plants.
- Saturday, May 12, 11am raspberry digging at George Stuckey’s, 112 Washington St., Wauseon.
- Saturday, May 19, 8am for the MG Plant Sale.
- Wednesday, May 23 for a field trip to Calendar Gardens in Indiana.

Riverfest - June 22, 23, 24, 2018

Gwen Anderson shared that the YMCA Healthy Kids Fun Day is Saturday April 21. She has 6 people signed up to help and has several fun crafts planned & Jamie Walters will have his bees & honey.

Community Garden: Mary Brubaker reported that all 24 plots have been taken. She requested permission to purchase 24 bags of topsoil and to buy supplies to repair hoses. She would also like to rent tillers. Laurel made a motion that we approve up to $500.00 for soil, supplies, and rental of tillers. Mary Kasuga seconded. Motion passed. Diane Clark suggested that she check with Kirchers to see if they could give us a better deal than Menards, Lowes or Farm & Garden. Mary will inquire.

Hicksville: Their plant sale in May 11 and 12, 2018.

Sherwood: Their plant sale is May 17 and 18, 2018, 9:00 – 5:00 both days.

Education Day: We will talk about one for next year at our September meeting.

Garden Tour: If we decide to do one next year we should begin in the fall.

Plant Sale: Diane Clark will e-mail Jamie Walters to remind him to get the permit for the sale.

County Fair: Penny Diehl would like a committee to manage the fair this year. There are 2 tri-folds in the office for our use. Penny suggested a topic for the fair “Planting with and without Wildlife”. Diane said she could talk about wildlife certification.

Old Business: Diane Clark will order a new Plant Sale banner. It will be 3’ x 5’ with wind flaps. The cost is estimated to be under $150.00 Linda Maag moved that we approve the purchase of the banner. Tammy Bowers seconded. Motion passed.

Planning Ahead

Raspberry Dig
George Stuckey
May 12 @ 11:00am

Mother’s Day
May 13

MG Meeting
Kircher’s Flowers
May 15 @ 6:30pm

Annual Plant Sale
Eric’s Icecream
May 19 @ 8:00am

Field Trip
Calendar
May 23 @ 8:00am

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5/17 Dutton Hood
5/21 Jamie Walters
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New Business: Donna Hitzeman told us about the field trip to Calendar Gardens in Indiana. She said it is one of her favorite gardens. The trip will take place on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. We will leave from the Extension office at 8:00 am. It takes about an hour to get there.

Linda Bennett shared a horticultural moment. Thank you to Linda for your thoughtful reflection on your gardening memories.

The meeting was adjourned.

Our speaker was Kay Boroff, she shared her knowledge about butterflies.

Thank you to Marjorie Wilson for the wonderful refreshments.

MG’s Plant Sale

Please share this with friend & family!

There is a posting in Happenings, FaceBook, and will be coming out in the Crescent News later this week.

Remember to have your plants there early, labeled, and priced to the whole dollar, no cents.

If you need any help or assistance in delivery, please contact one of the Master Gardener Officers.

BSBA Pollinator Sanctuary & Training Facility

Black Swamp Beekeepers Association welcome you to the ground breaking ceremony on Friday, May 11 at 10am, on Schick Rd. two-tenths of a mile West of Evansport Rd. Please come show your support. Thank you!

The next meeting will be on Tuesday May 15, 2018  6:30 pm, at Kircher’s Flowers, 1119 Jefferson, Defiance. The officers will provide the refreshments.